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**U.S. Citizenship  
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**APP2018001155**

Matthew Hoppock  
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Dear Mr. Hoppock:

Re: COW2018000831

You appealed the action of the National Records Center regarding your request for access to records pertaining to email traffic with search terms denaturalization, operation Janus, operation second look, dated July 16, 2018.

Based on the information you provided, we are denying your appeal. Departmental regulations require that you demonstrate that your request warrants expedited treatment because it involves:

- (1) circumstances in which the lack of expedited treatment could reasonably be expected to pose an imminent threat to the life or physical safety of an individual; or
- (2) an urgency to inform the public about an actual or alleged federal government activity (if you are a person primarily engaged in disseminating information).

Because you have not sufficiently demonstrated that your request involves either of these factors, your request does not warrant expedited treatment. Please be advised that information regarding [description] in my judgment is not sufficient reason to process your request out of turn. (See, [cite case law, if applicable]).

There will be no fees associated with the FOIA response, and for the reasons you have stated in your appeal letter.

If you are dissatisfied with our action on your appeal, you may seek judicial review in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(B).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan D. Hughes".

Alan D. Hughes, Associate Counsel  
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